

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Partners in Recovery

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

What consultation/communication has occurred to date with relevant organisations in these 13 areas about the Partners in Recovery program not being rolled out? What future engagement has been planned? Senator Nash indicated that she would take this question on notice - refer page 89 of 2/6/14 estimates transcript.

Answer:

Lead agency applicants for services in the remaining 13 regions were advised in November 2013 that establishment of further services was being deferred pending the review of uncommitted discretionary spending and would also be considered in the context of the National Mental Health Commission review of mental health services. Applicants were further advised in May 2014 of the announcement in the 2014-15 Budget that decisions to fund additional Partners in Recovery organisations had been deferred.